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THEIR USE IN LACTIC ACID BACTERIA**
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, the response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.